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CURTIFIED MAIL REQUESTED

Mr. Robert C. Stempet, President General Motors Corporation 3044 W. Grand Boulevard Datroit, MI 40204

Ro: Army Creek Landfill Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Stempet:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency), by this letter, notifies you that General Motors Corporation is a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) for contamination at the Army Creek Landfill Superfund site, New Castle County, Delaware. EPA has information indicating that Ceneral Motors Corporation generated wastes that were either transported to or disposed of at the Army Creek Landfill (also known as Llangollen Landfill).

EPA has determined that action at the site is necessary. EPA encourages your participation in the activities described below. As further described below, EPA hereby requests that Ceneral Motors Corporation notify EPA, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of this letter, whether it is interested in participating in this project. If we do not near from you by that time, EPA will assume that General Motors Corporation will not participate in the project.

Under Sections 166(a) and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9606(a) and 9607(a) (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Public Law No. 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613 (October 17, 1986) (SARA), responsible parties may be obligated to implement any needed relief actions as determined by EPA and may also be liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the site. Such costs can include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, cleanup of the site, and enforcement.

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Under Section 107(a) of CERCIA, responsible parties are liable for the cost of response actions. Responsible parties include: 1) present owners or operators of the site; 2) owners or operators at the time of disposal; 3) any persons who arranged for disposal or treatment of hazardous substances at the site; and, 4) transporters of hazardous substances to the site. EPA's records indicate that General Motors Corporation is a responsible party under CERCIA Section 107(a)(3).

The EPA has expended public funds to investigate releases of hazardous substances at the Army Creek Landfill. EPA may spend additional public funds on action to further investigate and control those releases. Unless EPA determines that a PRP will properly perform such actions, EPA intends to do so pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604, and 40 C.F.R. Section 300.68.

On September 30, 1986, the EPA Regional Administrator signed a Record of Decision (ROD) for the first operable unit at the Army Creek site. The ROD required implementation of source controls, including a RCRA-type landfill cap and the continued operation of the downgradient recovery well network. Selection of a treatment alternative for the recovered groundwater and a decision on appropriate remedial measures for sediments in Army Creek will be the subject of a second operable unit ROD.

Specifically, EPA is planning to conduct the following studies at the Army Creek site unless an acceptable agreement can be reached:

- Remedial Investigation (RI) Further investigations to define the nature and extent of surface water and sediment contamination at the site.
- 2. Feasibility Study (FS) A study to evaluate potential remedial alternatives with emphasis on risk reduction through actions that utilize treatment to permanently and significantly reduce the toxicity, mobility, or volume of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants.

In addition to the above studies, you may be asked at a later date to undertake, or may be liable for, any additional corrective measures necessary to protect public health and welfare, or the environment. Such measures may include, without limitation:

- Implementing emergency removal actions, e.g., securing the site to prevent contact with any hazardous substances that may be present at the site and/or removal of contaminated material from the surface of the site;
- Implementing expedited response actions, non-time-critical removal
 actions taken when the Agency decides to implement a cleanup that does not
 require extensive study. This type of action must be clearly defined and
 limited in scope and duration;

- 3. Orbiging and implementing the MPM-approved remedial obtion; and
- Providing any conitoring and maintenance necessary after remedial measures are consisted.

EPA will consider an immediate offer from General Motors Corporation to conduct (under EPA supervision) the RI/FS described above in accordance with a work plan consistent with the enclosed RI/FS guidance. Under Section 184(a) of CEPCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9634(a), the President must determine that the responsible parties are qualified to conduct the RI/MS, will promptly and properly complete the same and agree to reimburse the government for any costs incurred by or in connection with the RI/MS in order to allow the PRP to undertake such action. Any agreement to perform the RI/MS will be embodied in a Consent Order issued under Section 184 or Section 186 of CENCIA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9684 or Section 9696.

If General Motors Corporation should decide to participate in the RI/FS process, please indicate that interest in a letter to the DPA project officer indentified below within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of this letter. Your letter should indicate the appropriate name, address, and calephone number for further contact with General Motors Corporation. If EPA does not hear from General Notors Corporation by that time, EPA will assume that Cameral Motors Corporation declines any involvement in the RI/FS and will proceed with the appropriate studies and any expedited response actions needed to secure the site. EPA may later invite General Motors Corporation to undertake the design and implementation of the selected remedy upon the Agency's completion of the RI/FS. If General Motors Corporation is already involved in discussions with State or local authorities, engaged in voluntary action, or involved in a lawsuit regarding this site, you should not interpret this letter to advise or direct General Motors Corporation to restrict or discontinue any such activities. On the other hand, this letter should not be interpreted as endotsing any such efforts. You should report, however, the status of those discussions or that action in your letter. You should also be aware that this site cannot be deleted from the CDRCLA National Priorities List until the necessary remedial work has been concluded in accordance with the enclosed. RI/FS guidance and EPA's Mational Contingency Plan.

Your letter should be addressed to:

Eric Nawman (3HW16)
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
DELMARVA/WV/DC CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Should General Motors Corporation express a willingness to conduct or participate in the RI/FS, as described above, EPA will refrain from expending funds for the site for a period of time so that meaningful discussions concerning a Consent Order can take place. $AR200 \mid 40$

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